

Prospective Campground Concessionaire FAQ's and Talking Points

Partnerships – The Deschutes National Forest works with Discover Your Forest (DYF) and a variety of partners including those interested in trail stewardship (horse, hiker, mountain biker, ski, snowmobile and more), restoration, wildlife and more.

Number of Sites –The prospectus does not include the Perry South and Monty campground (transitioning to Portland General Electric management) and the Newberry National Volcanic Monument (NNVM) group of campground (transitioning to Forest Service management). The Perry South and Monty campgrounds will be managed by PGE under the new license terms for the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project. The NNVM transition allows the Forest Service to implement national Sustainable Recreation direction to manage “Special Places” (i.e. Congressionally Designated Monuments).

Water Systems and Testing – We have aging systems that use a fair amount of annual GT funds for repairs. All water system operators must be certified by the state of Oregon and the Forest Service to take samples and work on systems. The state and Forest Service periodically put on the relevant training for operating water systems. We are required to follow the strictest regulations. Our federal regulations are changing and may be amended during this prospectus in which case an amendment to the prospectus may be issued.

Sumps - Our wastewater sumps are aging as well and are beginning to fail. We are actively and creatively looking for solutions to maintain and repair the sumps currently in place. Maintenance of the sumps will be part of the concessionaire's responsibilities.

Reservations – The Deschutes National Forest operates under NRRS and so must its concessionaires. At this time a patch contract has been issued for the current reservation contractor to operate through September of 2018.

Cleanliness of Restrooms – The Deschutes National Forest has high standards of cleanliness for the campgrounds and restrooms so there are expectations for risers as well as the entire restroom to be clean. Specifications are included in an appendix to the Prospectus.

Communications – Communications are critical to successful program management. Each business proposing to work on the Deschutes National Forest must develop a communication plan. Some cell phone providers have very good coverage over the forest. There are also several radio repeaters within the vicinity of the forest, and the Forest Service does not share its subscription to repeaters.

Yurts - There are currently six yurts included in the prospectus to be operated by the campground concessionaire on the forest, three are on the Sisters Ranger District and three are on the Crescent Ranger District.

Interpretation - The Forest Service partners with DYF for interpretation programs. DYF also trains and certifies interpreters. For more information contact DYF and/or Karen Gentry

directly. The Forest Service is working to develop and provide additional resources about the Deschutes National Forest and the Forest Service for concessionaire staff (i.e. campground hosts) who interact with the public.

Dump Stations – There is only one dump station on the forest.

Dumpsters - Dumpsters are owned by the Forest Service. Dumpsters that need to be repaired are done so by the concessionaire. When dumpsters need to be replaced the new dumpsters are purchased as part of GT Offset.

CXT's, Vaults and Composting Toilets – Most campgrounds on the forest have CXT toilets and by contract if any new toilets are ordered they have to be CXTs as well. There are still some wooden buildings, and vault toilets on the forest and over time these will be upgraded to CXTs. The boat-in sites at Cultus Lake have new composting toilets. Those have their own maintenance needs and requirements separate from the standard cleaning procedures, which are outlined in an appendix of the prospectus.

Law Enforcement Roles – Campground Concessionaires and their employees are only able to enforce to the level of an ordinary citizen. Anything beyond that needs to be handled by either a Forest Protection Officer or a Law Enforcement Officer (County or Forest Service). Typically events that would require a county officer are theft of services and domestic disputes. Typical events that would involve a Forest Law Enforcement Officer are damage to federal property or destruction of natural resources.

Trouble Areas - Most of our campgrounds are pretty good. The dispersed campgrounds around Wicki-up and Crane Prairie and Cultus Lake are sometimes noisy. Forest Service personnel patrol those areas frequently. The developed campgrounds do not typically have incidents.

Horse Campgrounds – The Forest Service has great relationships with all of our partners including but not limited to Backcountry Horsemen and OET (Oregon Equestrian Trails). Certified Weed Free Hay is required on the Deschutes National Forest and is usually indicated by the color of twine wrapped around the hay. Currently there are manure pits at most of the horse campgrounds so the instructions to the public are to shovel and move the manure from their sites to the pit. The current draft of the prospectus does not detail how the manure will be removed from the sites, but that may change.

Frontloading GT – The Forest has decided against frontloading GT Fees in exchange for a longer permit term and prefers to utilize GT Offset on an annual basis.

Host Sites – Some campgrounds have designated host sites, but most do not. The designated host sites may have additional amenities such as water, most do not have septic and there may be none that have electric hook ups. In the campground maps the sites that have additional amenities should show a host site, all others are up to the concessionaire's discretion.